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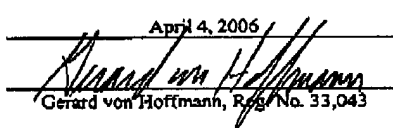
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 SACRAL AXIAL BORE WITHIN THE
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 Examiner : Shumaya B. Ali
 Group Art Unit : 3743

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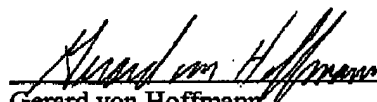
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks regarding the above captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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